

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**Public Hearing for Findings of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking on Section 126
Petitions for Purposes of Reducing Interstate Ozone Transport, Technical Correction, and
Notice of Availability of Additional Technical Documents**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking; announcement of public hearing

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing that it will hold a public hearing on March 12, 1999, if a hearing is requested, on a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPR) on petitions submitted under section 126 of the Clean Air Act. The EPA will not hold a public hearing if one is not requested by March 9, 1999. The SNPR was signed on the same day as this notice, made immediately available to the public on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/airlinks>, and will be published shortly in the Federal Register.

In the SNPR, EPA is proposing action on recent requests from Maine and New Hampshire which ask EPA to now make findings of significant contribution under the 8-hour ozone standard regarding sources named in their August 1997 section 126 petitions. The EPA has previously proposed action on the petitions from these States with respect to the 1-hour ozone standard as part of a proposal on eight petitions that were submitted individually by eight Northeastern States (63 FR 52213, September 30, 1998; and 63 FR 56292, October 21, 1998). The SNPR supplements that proposal.

DATES: A public hearing on the section 126 SNPR will be held on March 12, 1999 in Washington, DC, if requested by March 9. The comment period on the SNPR ends on April 11, 1999. Comments must be postmarked by the last day of the comment period and sent directly to the Docket Office listed in ADDRESSES (in duplicate form if possible). Please refer to SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for additional information on the comment period and public hearing.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing, if there is one, will be held at the EPA Auditorium at 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC, 20460.

Comments may be submitted to the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-97-43, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, room M-1500, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under SUPPLEMENTARY

INFORMATION of this document. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Documents relevant to this action are available for inspection at the Docket Office, at the above address, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable copying fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the public hearing should be directed to JoAnn Allman at the address given below under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. Questions concerning the SNPR should be addressed to Carla Oldham, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27711, telephone (919) 541-3347, email at oldham.carla@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Hearing

The EPA will conduct a public hearing on the section 126 SNPR on March 12, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m., if requested by March 9, 1999. The EPA will not hold a hearing if one is not requested. Please check EPA's webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/airlinks> on March 10, 1999 for the announcement of whether the hearing will be held. If there is a hearing, it will be held at the EPA Auditorium at 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC, 20460. The metro stop is Waterfront, which is on the green line. Persons planning to present oral testimony at the hearings should notify JoAnn Allman, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-1815, email joann@epa.gov no later than March 9, 1999. Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes each. Any member of the public may file a written statement before, during, or by the close of the comment period. Written statements (duplicate copies preferred) should be submitted to Docket No. A-97-43 at the above address. The hearing schedule, including lists of speakers, will also be posted on EPA's webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/airlinks> prior to the hearing. A verbatim transcript of the hearing, if held, and written statements will be made available for copying during normal working hours at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center at the above address.

Availability of Related Information

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, has been established under docket number A-97-43 (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document. Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: A-and-R-Docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters

and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number A-97-43. Electronic comments on the SNPR may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Dated:

signed February 25, 1999

John Seitz,
Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards